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SUBJ: GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON FRG FOREIGN  
MINISTER'S VISIT TO SPAIN

1. FRG AMBASSADOR VON LILIENFELD TOLD ME TODAY THAT THE  
GENSCHER VISIT HAD GONE OFF VERY WELL AND THAT HE HAD  
FOUND GENSCHER MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING THAN HE HAD EX-  
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PECTED WITH REGARD TO GERMAN SUPPORT FOR SPAIN TO ACHIEVE

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE COMMON MARKET AND NATO. GENSCHER HAD THE FULL SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND VON LILIENFELD SAID THAT JUST PRIOR TO GENSCHER'S DEPARTURE FROM BONN, THE CHANCELLOR HAD TELEPHONED HIM TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT FOR WHAT GENSCHER WAS PLANNING TO SAY.

2. VON LILIENFELD INDICATED THAT IN HIS TALKS WITH FRANCO, THE PRINCE, ARIAS, AND CORTINA, GENSCHER HAD MADE A PARTICULAR POINT OF STRESSING THE NEED FOR THE WEST TO STAND UNITED AND FOR WESTERN EUROPE TO GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT, ASSISTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING TO THE UNITED STATES. GENSCHER HAD MADE THIS POINT PARTICULARLY TO FRANCO WHO HAD ASKED GENSCHER'S VIEWS ABOUT THE PRESENT COURSE OF AMERICAN POLICY.

3. GENSCHER HAD TOLD THE SPANIARDS THAT THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO LEND ITS SUPPORT TO SPAIN IN SEEKING ITS EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET AND IN ASSISTING IT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AS A RESULT OF ENLARGEMENT. GENSCHER MADE THE POINT TO ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING FRANCO, THAT IT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE NECESSARY FOR SPAIN TO ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLES AND DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT LYING BEHIND THE CONCEPT OF THE EUROPE OF THE NINE.

4. WITH RESPECT TO NATO IN THE FIRST CONVERSATION WITH CORTINA ON APRIL 3, CORTINA HAD INDICATED THAT SPAIN STILL DESIRED A SECURITY COMMITMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS A CLOSER COOPERATIVE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRG. VON LILIENFELD SAID THE GERMAN SIDE WAS WELL AWARE THAT THE US WOULD GIVE NO SUCH SECURITY COMMITMENT AND ASSUMED THAT CORTINA HAD RAISED THIS AS A MATTER OF COURSE. WHEN GENSCHER SAW CORTINA AGAIN ON APRIL 4, THIS POINT HAD BEEN DROPPED AND HE HAD ONLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHATEVER SUPPORT GERMANY COULD GIVE WITH REGARD TO SOME RECOGNITION BY NATO OF SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE AND A CLOSER COORDINATION WITH NATO. GENSCHER INQUIRED WHAT THE SPANISH WANTED HIM TO DO, TO WHICH CORTINA REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW AS YET, BUT WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH VON LILIENFELD AS SOON AS THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE US NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPLETED. VON LILIENFELD MENTIONED THAT THE SPANISH SEEMED TO THINK THAT AMB BRUCE MIGHT SOON BE RAISING THIS QUESTION IN NAC. I SAID THAT I KNEW OF NO SUCH PLAN, BUT THE SPANISH WERE AWARE THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DO WHAT WE COULD TO HELP BRING ABOUT A CLOSER COORDINATION BETWEEN SPANISH DEFENSE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE NATO STRUCTURE.

5. VON LILIENFELD MENTIONED THAT THE FRG CABINET WOULD BE MEETING IN BONN ON WEDNESDAY TO CONSIDER PORTUGAL AND SPAIN. WITH REGARD TO PORTUGAL, HE THOUGHT THE DECISION WOULD BE MADE TO CARRY ON WITH PRESENT DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS WHILE MAKING CLEAR TO THE PORTUGUESE THAT FURTHER SHIFTS LEFTWARDS WOULD BRING THIN TO AN END. WITH REGARD TO SPAIN HE THOUGHT THE CABINET WOULD CONSIDER GENSCHER'S REPORT AS WELL AS POSSIBLE MOVES GERMANY MIGHT MAKE TO CARRY OUT WHAT THE SPANISH HAD JUST BEEN TOLD.

6. FINALLY, VON LILIENFELD SAID HE WOULD INFORM ME AS SOON AS HE WAS CALLED IN BY CORTINA TO BE TOLD WHAT THE GOS WOULD LIKE THE GERMANS TO DO WITH RESPECT TO NATO IN THE PERIOD DIRECTLY AHEAD.  
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